

The slogan for this year's Newark Days is "People, Pride and Progress." Newark Mayor Dave Smith describes this slogan as an accurate representation of the involvement of the city's community. In a recent article in the Tri-City Voice, a local paper serving the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City, the Mayor describes "rampant volunteerism" in the city; everything from Newark Days, a non-profit organization, to feeding the poor through an organization like the Viola Blythe Center or the just concluded Ash Street Park summer program run by Friends of Ash Street Community Enrichment or the League of Volunteers Newark, which provides many services to the city.

During a recent interview in the Tri-City Voice, Mayor Smith proudly stated: the people of Newark always rise to the occasion to give of themselves to the community. This makes it a special place. Why do they do it? It's because they take pride in their community. There is a tremendous community pride in Newark.

From humble beginnings as a total bedroom community, the city developed a long-term vision and a strategic focus to insure its prosperity and economic independence. Thoughtful planning of residential and commercial development, careful renovation, community involvement, as well as the exemplary delivery of services has resulted in the city's fiscal and social wellness.

I join in expressing heartiest congratulations to the city of Newark, its elected leadership, administrators, and residents on the 50th anniversary to Newark's incorporation. I am confident Newark will continue to thrive. Happy birthday and best wishes for continued success.

CONGRATULATING GENERAL WILLIAM L. "SPIDER" NYLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MARINE CORPS AFTER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2005*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to General William L. "Spider" Nyland, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. General Nyland has served our great Nation for more than 37 years. The departure of General Nyland marks not only the end of an illustrious career replete with many honors, it also marks the beginning of several initiatives which, by virtue of his strategic vision, dynamic leadership and accomplished diplomatic skills, will ensure that U.S. national strategy is prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

General Nyland was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps under the NROTC program upon graduation from the University of New Mexico in 1968. In addition to attaining a M.S. degree from the University of Southern California, his formal military education includes The Basic School (1968), Naval Aviation Flight Training (NFO) (1969), Amphibious Warfare School (1975), Navy Fighter Weapons School (TopGun) (1977),

College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College (1981), and Air War College (1988).

After being assigned to VMFA-531, General Nyland was ordered to Vietnam where he flew 122 combat missions with VMFA-314 and VMFA-115. General Nyland's other tours included Instructor RIO, VMFAT-101; Squadron Assistant Operations Officer and Operations Officer, VMFA-115; and Brigade FORSTAT and Electronic Warfare Officer, 1st Marine Brigade. He also served as Operations Officer and Director of Safety and Standardization, VMFA-212; Aviation Safety Officer and Congressional Liaison/Budget Officer, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC; and Operations Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-24, 1st Marine Amphibious Brigade. He commanded VMFA-232, the Marine Corps' oldest and most decorated fighter squadron, from July 1985 to July 1987.

General Nyland subsequently served as section chief for the Central Command section, European Command/Central Command Branch, Joint Operations Division, Directorate of Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, Washington, DC. In July 1990, he assumed command of Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG), Pensacola. Following his command of MATSG he assumed duties as Chief of Staff, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing on July 5, 1992, and assumed additional duties as Assistant Wing Commander on November 10, 1992. He was promoted to Brigadier General on September 1, 1994 and was assigned as Assistant Wing Commander, 2nd MAW serving in that billet until December 1, 1995.

He served next on the Joint Staff, J-8, as the Deputy Director for Force Structure and Resources, completing that tour on June 30, 1997. General Nyland was advanced to Major General on July 2, 1997, and assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He served next as the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina from July 1998 to June 2000. He was advanced to Lieutenant General on 30 June 2000 and assumed duties as the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. He next served as the Deputy Commandant for Aviation on 3 August 2001. He was advanced to the grade of General on September 4, 2002 and assumed his current duties shortly thereafter.

General Nyland's personal decorations include: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with eight Strike/Flight awards, and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Throughout his career as a United States Marine, General Nyland has demonstrated uncompromising character, discerning wisdom, and a sincere, selfless sense of duty to his Marines and members of other services assigned to his numerous joint commands. His powerful leadership inspired the Marines to tremendous success no matter the task, and achieved results which will assure the United States' security in this hemisphere and overseas.

General Nyland concludes his illustrious career as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. In this capacity, he has been the

principal advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on all decisions of major consequence. His extensive and diverse background in operational and joint planning, professional military education and training, and budgetary and programmatic policy issues have been given wide credibility by decision makers in the Department of the Navy, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the United States Congress.

General Nyland has made a lasting contribution to the capabilities of today's Marine Corps and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps. We are grateful for General Nyland's dedication, sense of duty, advice and counsel. The Marine Corps will miss him, but General Nyland leaves a tremendous legacy for others to follow and emulate. I wish General Nyland and his lovely wife, Brenda, daughters, Brandy and Leslie, and son, Matthew, congratulations and all best wishes as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

IN HONOR OF THE ARC OF  
WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY, MI

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2005*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Arc of Western Wayne County, MI, which is celebrating 50 years of commitment to reducing the incidence, and limiting the consequences of, mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

In the 1950's there were very few educational, employment or recreational opportunities available for people with mental retardation living in southwestern Wayne County, and families were commonly encouraged to institutionalize their children. Small groups of parents chose to seek alternative solutions for their children and began to band together with a common goal and commitment to promote the general welfare of people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. In 1954 this group of parents founded the Arc of Western Wayne County.

Today, with a membership of 140 families, the Arc of Western Wayne County works to create opportunities for people with disabilities to gain assertiveness and community living skills. The organization and its members help to shape public policy and advocate for people who have traditionally been excluded from society by monitoring, supporting and creating progressive community programs.

Mr. Speaker, for 50 years the Arc of Western Wayne County has been committed to guaranteeing, for all people with developmental disabilities, the opportunity to choose where they live, learn, work and play. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the Arc of Western Wayne County, and the many men and women who contribute their time and energy and make a positive impact on our communities.